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SUBJECT: SEISMIC RESEARCH OBSERVATORY PROGRAM

REF: A) ANKARA 1067, B) ANKARA 1634 C) STATE 056872,
D) CABLE FROM ALBUQUERQUE ON MARCH 6

TO: WILLIAM GREEN, USGS, WASHINGTON, D.C.,
JON PETERSON
RUWTFBA, USGS SEISMOLOGICAL LABORATORY
KIRTLAND AIR FORCE BASE
ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO

1. IN RESPONSE TO REFTTEL (C), PLAN OF INSTALLATION TEAM
TO ARRIVE FIRST PART OF MAY SEEMS AT THIS TIME TO BE
ACCEPTABLE FROM BOTH EMBASSY'S AND MUSTAFA ERDIK'S POINTS
OF VIEW.

2. IN RESPONSE TO REFTTEL (D), EMBASSY IS REPEATING
REFTTEL (A) FOR PETERSON AT NEW ADDRESS. EMBOFF
DELIVERED REFTELS (C) AND (D) TO ERDIK, WHO HAS NOW
OBTAINED VERBAL AGREEMENT OF METU'S ASSISTANT PRESIDENT
FOR ACADEMIC AFFAIRS, MEHMET KICIMAN, FOR ERDIK TO
TAKE OVER ADMINISTRATIVE RESPONSIBILITIES FOR SRO PROGRAM.

3. ONLY PROBLEM WITH SRO PROGRAM IS THAT METU GEOLOGY
DEPARTMENT REFUSES TO AGREE TO ERDIK'S REQUEST THAT SRO
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ROOM BE TRANSFERRED FROM BUILDING CONTROLLED BY GEOLOGY
DEPARTMENT TO ONE CONTROLLED BY CIVIL ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT
(OF WHICH ERDIK IS A MEMBER). ERDIK BASES THIS REQUEST
UPON STATEMENT THAT CONSTRUCTION OF GEOLOGY BUILDING
STILL INCOMPLETE, IN ADDITION TO OBVIOUS BUREAUCRATIC
ADVANTAGE OF HAVING SRO ROOM IN BUILDING CONTROLLED BY HIS
OWN DEPARTMENT. ERDIK HAS WRITTEN LETTER TO KICIMAN

ASKING HIM TO CONFIRM HIS VERBAL AGREEMENT FOR ERDIK TO TAKE OVER SRO PROGRAM AND TO SHIFT SRO ROOM TO CIVIL ENGINEERING BUILDING. ERDIK'S LETTER CO-SIGNED BY CHAIRMAN OF CIVIL ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT, CHAIRMAN OF ENGINEERING SCIENCES DEPARTMENT, AND DIRECTOR OF EARTHQUAKE RESEARCH INSTITUTE. GEOLOGY DEPARTMENT WANTS TO KEEP SRO ROOM IN ITS BUILDING. ERDIK EXPECTS TO RECEIVE DECISION IN LETTER FROM ASSISTANT PRESIDENT NO EARLIER THAN MIDDLE OF NEXT WEEK.

4. EMBASSY HAS NOT YET LOCATED THREE BOXES OF ACCESSORY TOOLS DESCRIBED IN REFTEL (C). ERDIK WILL CHECK WITH MR. TURKELLI ON THIS WHEN HE RETURNS TO METU GEOLOGY DEPARTMENT ON MARCH 20 FROM MERSIN, WHERE HE IS WORKING ON OCEANOGRAPHIC PROJECT FOR NEW METU CAMPUS THAT IS BEING ESTABLISHED THERE.

5. EMBASSY HAS ADVISED ERDIK OF BUTLER'S ITINERARY (REFTEL D) AND HAS MADE RESERVATIONS FOR SINGLE HOTEL ROOM ON APRIL 13 AND 14.
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